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SUBJECT: FRENCH CRITICISM OF CALLAGHAN CIEC SPEECH

1. FRENCH PRESS HAS PLAYED UP STATEMENT BY PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN IN WHICH HE REBUKED FONSEC CALLAGHAN FOR STRAYING OUTSIDE COMMUNITY MANDATE IN TALKING OF MSP DURING HIS CIEC INTERVENTION.

2. FRENCH ARE CLEARLY GIVING UK (AND OTHERS) NOTICE THAT, ROME AGREEMENT ASIDE, THEY HAVE NOT YET SIGNED ON TO MSP AND DO NOT YET CONSIDER IT TO BE EC POLICY. WE BELIEVE THIS WEIGHS MORE HEAVILY WITH GOF THAN DEFENSE OF SANCTITY OF EC MANDATE; THIS IS SUPPORTED BY FACT THAT CHIRAC AND SAUVAGNARGUES (BOTH OF WHOM HAVE OPPOSED MSP) ARE RELIABLY REPORTED TO HAVE URGED GISCARD TO ISSUE THE REBUKE. WE UNDERSTAND FROM EMBASSY SOURCE WHO WAS IN TOUCH WITH MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR LABOULAYE, HOWEVER, THAT GISCARD STATEMENT WAS CLEARED WITH GERMANS.

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